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The Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

> Re: United States of America v. Ali Kourani 17 CR 417 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

I represent the defendant in this case. Today I received a notice by ECF that your Honor adjourned the May 1, 2018 court appearance until May 4, 2018. I write to ask that the court date be moved because I have non-refundable plane tickets for a work-related trip to Colombia on May 3, 2018, and I will return late in the day on May 4, 2018. Possible good dates for me to have this appearance are May 7, May 8, May 11 or May 14, 2018.

Many thanks for considering this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alexei Schacht

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